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## **DETAILED ACTION**

## Election/Restrictions

Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 1-6 and 10-12, drawn to methods of detecting oxidative stress, classified in class 424, subclass 9.1.
- II. Claims 7-9, drawn to methods of screening for inhibitors of oxidative stress, classified in class 435, subclass 7.21.
- III. Claims 13-17, drawn to methods of treatment using inhibitors of oxidative stress, classified in class 514, subclass 2.

The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

The methods of Invention I are distinct from those of Invention II because they require different reagents and have different method steps and different goals.

The methods of Invention I are distinct from those of Invention III because they require different reagents and have different method steps and different goals.

The methods of Invention II are distinct from those of Invention III because they require different reagents and have different method steps and different goals.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art as shown by their different classification, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and the searches required for the different groups are different, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Janet Andres, Ph.D., whose telephone number is (703) 305-0557. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 5:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Yvonne Eyler, Ph.D., can be reached at (703) 308-6564. The fax phone number for this group is (703) 872-9306 or (703) 872-9307 for after final communications.

Communications via internet mail regarding this application, other than those under U.S.C. 132 or which otherwise require a signature, may be used by the applicant and should be addressed to [yvonne.eyler@uspto.gov].

All Internet email communications will be made of record in the application file. PTO employees do not engage in Internet communications where there exists a possibility that sensitive information could be identified or exchanged unless the record includes a properly signed express waiver of the confidentiality requirements of 35 U.S.C. 122. This is more clearly set forth in the Interim Internet Usage Policy published in the Official Gazette of the Patent and Trademark Office on February 25, 1997 at 1195 OG 89.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0196.

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